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**BIOLOGICAL INDICATOR FOR STERILIZATION PROCESSES WITH DOUBLE BUFFER SYSTEM**

(X) This application is a divisional of prior application 09/699,728, filed October 27, 2000.

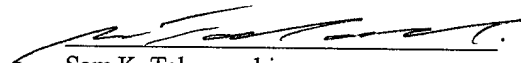
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